

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM

REGULAR SESSION

5:00 P.M.

The Board of School Trustees of the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. Board Members present were Janice Deno and Kristina Phillips. Charlie Parrish and Rick Odle were present via phone. Gary Braasch, Kevin Arnold and Ed Lane were absent.

President Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

President Phillips determined a quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

President Phillips stated that there was one (1) addition to the agenda. Item J.5 – Request to Hire a Nurse Assistant for the Middle School/High School. Mr. Odle made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mrs. Deno seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the September 15, 2020 Regular Session were presented for board approval. Mr. Parrish made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Odle seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Phillips asked for comments from the RCCTA. Mrs. Stacy Kurdelak, via Google Meet, stated that they are very pleased that we are still in school but are concerned about the mental health of the students and staff dealing with the pandemic.

President Phillips asked for patron comments. Leia Pinkerman, an aide at the Primary School, came before the board to voice her concerns about the hourly employees' rate of pay.

President Phillips asked for Board comments. There were none.

Mrs. Jan Benner informed the board that the Spring Break 2021 trip to Spain/France has been moved to Spring Break 2022. All participants were able to be moved to the 2022 trip including 2 2021 seniors and their parents. Mrs. Phillips asked if the seniors could go since they would no longer be students in the corporation. Superintendent Craig will find out and let them know.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the 2021 Budget, the Capital Projects Fund Resolution and the Bus Replacement Resolution. (Attachment “A”) Mr. Odle made the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Deno seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Claims dated September 1 - 30, 2020, #1791 - 1899 and claims dated October 1 – 20, 2020, #1900 - 2042 was presented for board approval. Mr. Parrish made the motion to approve the claims. Mrs. Deno seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig presented, to the board, a Financial Report showing expenditures through September 30, 2020.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of a Bus Rental Agreement Addendum due to COVID 19 expectations. (Attachment “B”) Mr. Odle made the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Deno seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board acceptance of a \$500 donation from GMB Architecture + Engineering Advised Fund of the Community Foundation of the Holland/Zeeland Area. (Attachment “C”) Mr. Parrish made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Odle seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of a pay request from Walsh & Kelly for the High School Parking Lot Paving Project in the amount of \$378,805.67. Mr. Odle made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Parrish seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Jasper County Airport Authority for courses to be offered to High School students. (Attachment “D”) Mr. Odle made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Parrish seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval for the hiring of a Nurse Assistant for the Middle/High Schools for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. Mr. Odle made the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Deno seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the following 2020-2021 Extra-Curricular Recommendation:

- Megan Sterk – Middle School Student council Sponsor and Middle School Newspaper Sponsor

Mrs. Deno made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Odle seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Phillips stated that there will be no school Friday, October 23 – Monday, October 26, 2020 for Fall Break.

President Phillips stated that the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference room.

President Phillips stated that there will be no school Wednesday, November 25 – Friday, November 27, 2020 for Thanksgiving Break.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Phillips adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Parrish and a second by Mr. Odle.

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